

**Meeting of the
Board of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, Virginia**

June 9, 2009

Draft Minutes

Present:

Kit Gordon
Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D.
(Vice-Chair)
Patsy Ann Hobson
Kay C. Horney
Barbara H. Klear
William L. Murray, Ph.D.
Michael Walker

By phone:

David Sylvester

Absent:

Phyllis L. Cothran
Manikoth G. Kurup, M.D.
Robert D. Voogt, Ph.D. (Chair)

DMAS Staff:

Elizabeth McDonald, Legal Counsel
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications &
Legislative Affairs
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs

Speakers:

Cynthia B. Jones, Chief Deputy Director
Cheryl J. Roberts, Deputy Director of Operations
Scott Crawford, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration
Steve Ford, Director, Policy and Research Division

Guests:

Anne Leigh Kerr, Troutman Sanders
Dave Evan, Schering-Plough
Jonathan Williams, Elan Pharmaceuticals
Richard Grossman, Vectre
Benjamin Evans, Private Citizen
Michael Tweedy, Department of Planning & Budget
Deborah Mance, Biogen Pharma
Jessica Laine, OAG Intern
Laura Ulmer, OAG Intern

Call to Order

Dr. Monroe E. Harris, Jr., Vice-Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. after a quorum was met. After opening remarks, the other Board members introduced themselves and the introductions continued around the room by DMAS staff and guests.

Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2009 Meeting

Dr. Harris asked that the Board review and make a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 10, 2009 meeting. Dr. Murray made the motion to accept the Minutes and Ms. Klear seconded. The vote was **6-yes (Harris, Klear, Hobson, Horney, Murray, and Walker); 0-no.**

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) STIMULUS UPDATE

Ms. Cindi Jones, Chief Deputy Director, gave an update of the current Medicaid provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which is also referred to as the “Stimulus Legislation.” Ms. Jones explained how the federal stimulus legislation, which provides a temporary increase in the Medicaid federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP), affects Virginia Medicaid. As a result of the increased FMAP, the Commonwealth has received significantly more federal Medicaid revenue which has temporarily reduced the burden of Medicaid on the state budget.

FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORM – POTENTIAL IMPACT ON MEDICAID

Mr. Steve Ford, Director of Policy and Research, gave an overview of the federal health reform proposals that are currently being considered by Congress. He began his discussion by highlighting the eight principles in President Obama’s health reform budget proposal goal of health coverage for all Americans. Then, he briefly explained the major objectives of the other proposals with emphasis on the proposal’s implications for Medicaid and CHIP.

KEY ACTIVITIES BY DIVISION

Ms. Jones, Scott Crawford, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, and Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director of Program Operations, gave a brief overview of their perspective divisions with particular emphasis on the current projects underway.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Regulatory Activity Summary

The Regulatory Activity Summary is included in the Members’ books to review at their convenience.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Dr. Harris noted the next meeting will be September 15 in the Virginia Beach area at one of Dr. Voogt’s facilities. Dr. Harris thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.